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FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

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1. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED BEARD VISIT FULLY IN REF B, C AND D.

2. THERE WAS NO DERELICTION OF DUTY ON THE PART OF THE EMBASSY STAFF DURING BEARD'S VISIT.

3. WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO ACCOUNT OF BEARD'S CALL TO EMBASSY AT APP. 1400 HOURS SAT. JULY 5 CONTAINED IN REF B, PARA 4.

WE STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN HE CALLED BEARD DID NOT REQUEST AN EMBASSY CAR, DID NOT ASK TO SPEAK WITH DUTY OFFICER, DID NOT LEAVE MESSAGE AS TO WHERE HE COULD BE REACHED, MADE NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER OF DESIRE FOR HELP FROM EMBASSY TO VISIT TURKISH AREA. BEARD'S STATEMENT IN PARA 2, REF A IS TOTALLY FALSE.

4. REF PARA 3, REF A, EMBOFF SAW BDD SATURDAY NIGHT. AT THAT TIME HE SAID HE HAD REQUESTED AND RECEIVED GOC SECURITY PROTECTION AGAINST TURK REPRISAL FOR HIS CONDUCT AT LEDRA PALACE. AS STATED REF B, PARA 1, HE DID REQUEST EMBASSY ARRANGE SECURITY IN U.S. AGAINST POSSIBLE TURK REPRISAL THERE. EMBASSY CONSIDERED THIS REQUEST RIDICULOUS BUT, AS NOTED, REPORTED IT. BEARD DID NOT MENTION MATTER AGAIN IN TWO SUNDAY MEETINGS WITH EMBOFFS. HIS STATEMENT REF A, PARA 3, IS INACCURATE. OBVIOUSLY, BEARD UNDER NO THREAT FROM TURKS WHILE ON GREEK SIDE.

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5. IN MEETINGS WITH DCM AND EMBOFFS SUNDAY 0830 HOURS
LOCAL AT HILTON HOTEL AND WITH DCM AND APAO AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL
AT LARNACA AIRPORT, BEARD WAS GIVEN REPEATED ASSURANCE THAT EMBASSY
STOOD READY TO ASSIST HIS VISIT TO TURKISH AREA, SHOULD HE
WISH TO REMAIN IN CYPRUS. POINT WAS MADE FIRMLY AND CLEARLY
THAT HAD CONGRESSMAN GIVEN US ANY NOTICE OF HIS TRIP TO
CYPRUS AND INTERESTS, EMBASSY WOULD HAVE FACILITATED,
ASSISTED, PROVIDED CAR, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE SERVICE
REQUESTED. BEARD SEVERAL TIMES REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT DIS-
SATISFIED WITH EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE, TRIP WAS PRIVATE, AND
GOC HAD TAKEN CARE OF HIM. (FYI, GOC'S DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
FONMIN WAS WITH BEARD ALL DAY SUNDAY, CHAUFFERING HIM TO
AND FROM MAKARIOS MEETING IN TROODOS; ANY INTRUSION BY EMBASSY
WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE.)

6. ON BASIS AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATIONS WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR
AND RANKING TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER OREK, POINT ALSO MADE
REPEATEDLY THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES REGRETTED INCIDENT WHICH
COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED BY PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND WOULD BE
PLEASED RECEIVE BEARD IF HE CHOSE TO REMAIN CYPRUS.
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